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HEADQUARTERS AIR MATERIEL COMMAND Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, Ohio

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base,
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: DSS

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Memo for Lt Col Thomas

The undersigned officer was participating as pilot on a local flight on Friday, 30 April 1948, in Navy aircraft SNJ Bump 90731. At approximately 1015 local time, at an altitude of about 5500 feet, on a magnetic leading of about 180 degrees, just south of Anacostia Naval Air Station, an object was sighted ahead to the left and about 1000 feet below at a distance of about 1 mile. The object resembled a yellow sphere estimated at 25-40 feet in diameter. The flight path of the object was in approximately a South to North direction (despite upper winds from North Northwest) and apparently followed a constant altitude. Pilot did not pursue object further because it was entering the prohibited flying area. U. S. Capitol, White House Area.

The object appeared to pilot to be a yellow, (or light colored) balloon and attracted attention principally because of its flight path. No external fittingsor attachments were observed on the object. The speed of the object was estimated at about 100 MPH.

Lt Cdr. U. S. Navy

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

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Hq ALC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C. Subj; Project "SIGH"

4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine symptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAKO

Investigations by this headquarters reveal that a synoptic weather balloon could have been at the location where sightings were reported in the following incidents. In compiling this list consideration was given to the wind direction and speed at the surface and aloft at the scheduled time of balloon release, and the location of the nearest weather station making balloon observations.

2	52	91	126
3	72	93	245
la .	73	93	155
25	78	105	166
25	81	113	169
36	87	115	172

FOR THE CHIEF AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incla:

/s/ W. A. West
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Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 April 1948

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- 2. Time 1015
- 3. Location Anacostia, Haval Mir Station, 38°52'N, 77°00'W
- 4. Hame of observer Marcus L. Lowe
- 5. Occupation of observer Lt Commander, IS Navy
- 6. Address of observer N/S
- 7. Place of observation Air
- 8. Number of objects One
- 9. Distance of object from observer One mile
- 10. Time in sight 11/S
- 11. Altitude 1,500 feet
- 12. Speed 100 m.p.h.
- 13. Direction of flight 360° N
- 14. Tactics 11/3
- 15. Sound N/S
- 16. Size 25 40 ft diamster
- 17. Color Yellow (light colored)
- 18. Shape Sphere
- 19. Odor dotected 11/3
- 20. Apparent construction N/3
- 21. Exhaust trails N/3
- 22. Weather conditions 11/9
- 23. Effort on clouds N/S
- 24. Skatches or photographs lions
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AFCIR-CO-5 (5-61)

21 May 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO:

Commanding General
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Whight-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCI

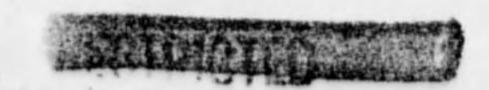
Attached is a report of a flying disc sighting by an officer on duty in the Offensive Air Branch of this Directorate.

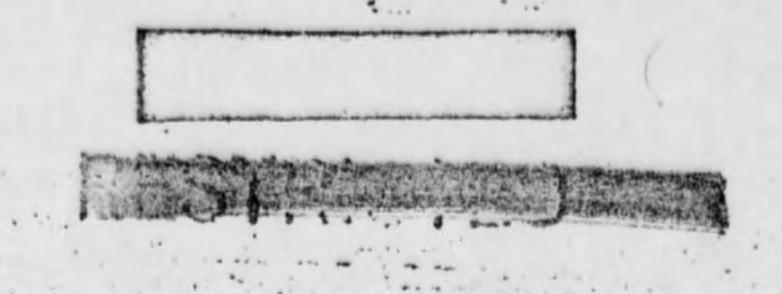
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